

CLAIMS

1. An animation creating apparatus comprising:
 - a voiced/silent decision section that decides whether speech is voiced or silent and outputs a decision result in continuous values indicating degrees of voicedness; and
 - an animation creating section that creates lip-sync animation using the voiced decision result output from said voiced/silent decision section.
2. The animation creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said voiced/silent decision section outputs continuous values indicating said degrees of voicedness.
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3. The animation creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said animation creating section sequentially selects corresponding images from a plurality of prestored images using the voiced/silent decision result output from said voiced/silent decision section and creates lip-sync animation.
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4. An animation creating method comprising:
 - a voiced/silent decision step of deciding whether speech is voiced or silent and outputting a decision result in continuous values indicating degrees of voicedness; and

an animation creating step of creating lip-sync animation using the voiced decision result output from said voiced/silent decision step.